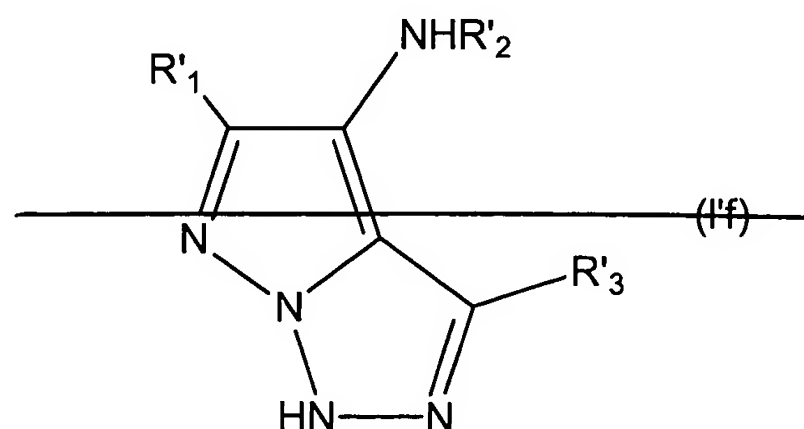
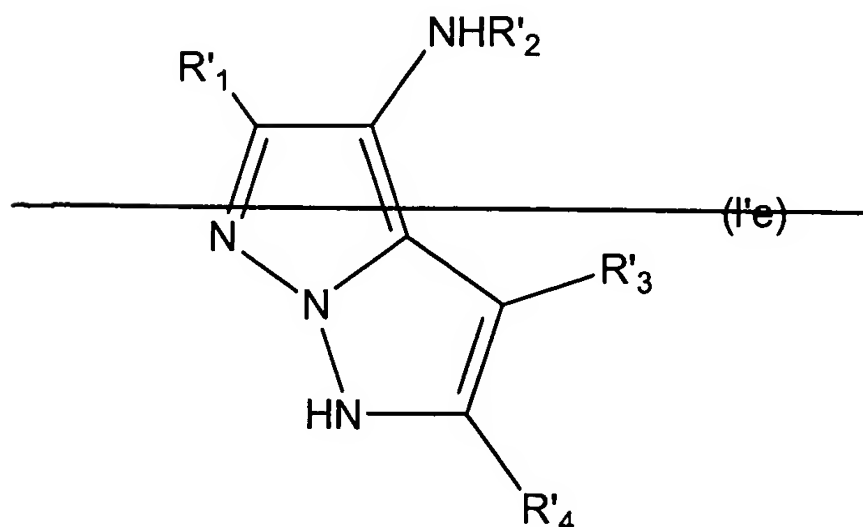
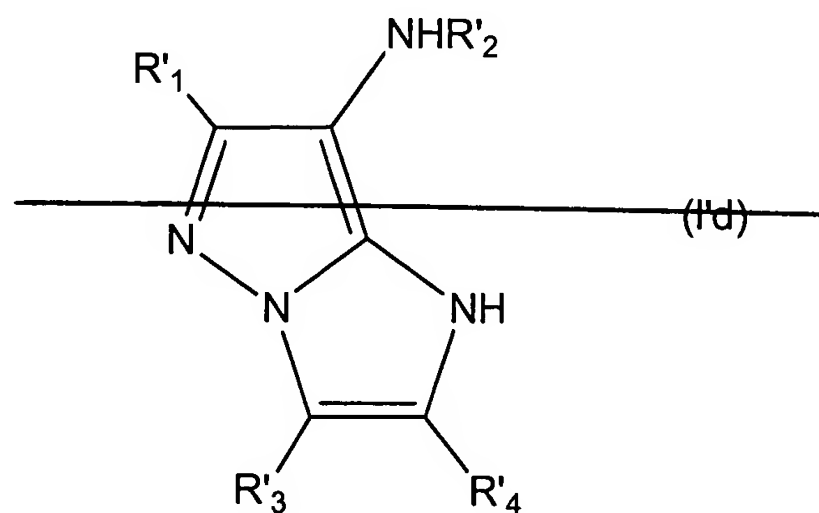
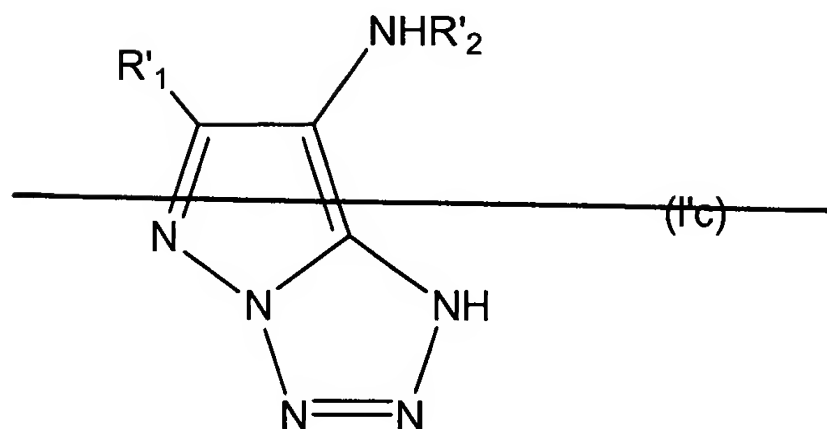
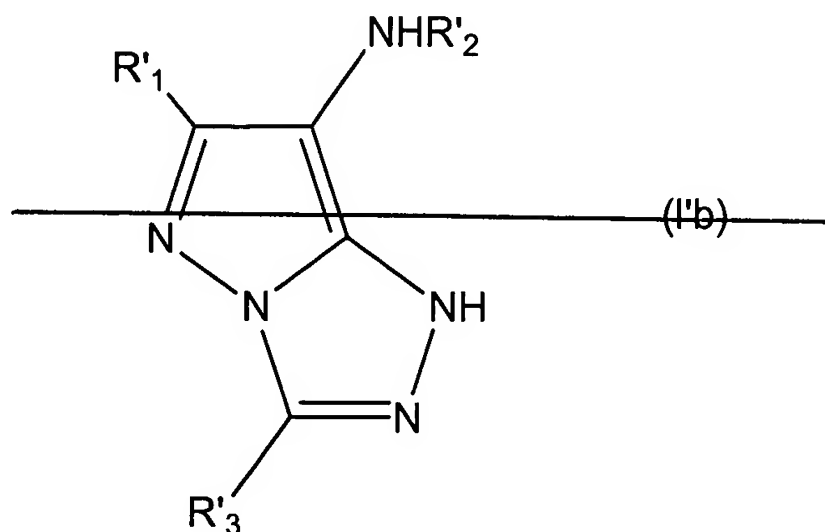
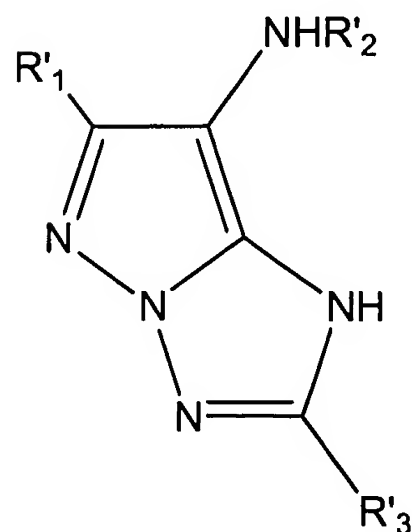


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing shall replace any previous version of the pending claims:

68. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I'a) chosen from the compounds of the following formulae (I'a) to (I'~~f~~):



in which:

R'₁ represents: a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched C₁-C₂₀ alkyl radical, optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R chosen from a halogen atom, a nitro radical, a cyano radical, a hydroxyl radical, an alkoxy radical, an aryloxy radical, an amino radical, an alkylamino radical, an acylamino radical, a carbamoyl radical, a sulphonamido radical, a sulphamoyl radical, an imido radical, an alkylthio radical, an arylthio radical, an aryl radical, a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-carbonyl radical and an acyl radical; an aryl radical optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R as defined above; a 5- or 6- membered heterocycle containing at least one nitrogen, oxygen, or sulphur atom wherein said heterocycle is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 radicals R as defined above;

when R₁ denotes a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical, an aryl radical or a 5- or 6- membered heterocycle, it can be connected to the carbon atom of the pyrazole via an oxygen, nitrogen, or sulphur atom;

R₁ can, additionally, denote a halogen atom; an acyl radical; a sulphonyl radical; a sulphinyl radical; a phosphonyl radical; a carbamoyl radical; a sulphamoyl radical; a cyano radical; a siloxy radical, an amino radical; an acylamino radical; an acyloxy radical; a carbamoyloxy radical; a sulphonamide radical; an imide radical; a ureido radical; a sulphamoylamino radical; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-carbonylamino radical; an aryloxycarbonylamino radical; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-carbonyl radical; an aryloxycarbonyl radical; a carboxyl radical; or a hydroxyl radical;

R₂ is a hydrogen atom; a C₁-C₄ alkyl radical; a C₁-C₄ monohydroxyalkyl radical; a C₂-C₄ polyhydroxyalkyl radical, a C₁-C₄ aminoalkyl radical; a (CH₂)_p-X-(CH₂)_qOR' radical in which p and q are identical or different integers ranging from 1 to 3, R' represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical, and X denotes an oxygen atom or an NR'' group in which R'' represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl radical; a (C₁-C₄)alkoxy(C₂-C₄)alkyl radical; or a di(C₁-C₄)alkylamino(C₁-C₄)alkyl radical;

R₃ has the same meanings as those indicated above for R₁.

~~R'₁, R'₂, R'₃ and R'₄ have the same meanings as those indicated in claim 1 for R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ of the formula (I); it being understood that:~~

- ~~in the compounds of formula (I'b):~~
 - i) ~~when R'₄ represents a methyl radical and when R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom, then the R'₃ radical is other than a methyl radical or than a (CH₂)₃-SO₂-(CH₂)₄₅-CH₃ or CH(CH₃)-CH₂-SO₂-(CH₂)₄₄-CH₃ radical;~~
 - ii) ~~when R'₄ represents a tert butyl radical and when R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom, then R'₃ is other than a (CH₂)₃-SO₂-(CH₂)₄₄-CH₃ radical;~~
- ~~in the compounds of formula (I'd):~~
 - ~~when R'₃ and R'₄ together form a benzene ring and when R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom, then R'₁ is other than a methyl, -CONH₂ or carboxyl radical;~~
 - ~~when R'₃ and R'₄ together form a benzene ring substituted by a sulphonyl radical in the 4 position and when R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom, then~~

~~R'₄ is other than a phenyl radical, than a (CH₂)₄₆-CH₃ radical or than a
COOH radical;~~

- ~~when R'₃ and R'₄ together form a benzene ring substituted by a carboxyl
radical in the 4 position and when R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom, then
R'₄ is other than a carboxyl radical.~~

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Original) A compound of formula (I'a) according to claim 68, wherein said
compound is:

- 7-amino-2-methylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2,6-dimethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-methyl-2-ethylpyrazolo(1, 5-b)-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-methyl-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-methyl-2-phenylpyrazolo(i, 5-b)-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-methylpyrazolo[1, 5-b)-1,2,4-triazole;

- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-phenyl-2-methylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-phenyl-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-phenyl-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-methylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-methylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole; 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-methylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-isopropylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;

- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-phenylpyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-methyl-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-phenyl-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-methyl-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethylthio-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-carboxy-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-phenyl-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 6,7-diamino-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-(2'-aminoethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;
- 7-amino-6-ethoxy-2-(2'-hydroxyethyl)pyrazolo[1,5-b]-1,2,4-triazole;

or an acid addition salt thereof.

71-75. (Cancelled)